

Summer Reading

Over the summer, you will be required to read one book from the list below. Once you have completed the reading, you should **answer the questions** and **complete one of the project choices**. When you return to school in the fall, your language arts teachers will collect these and they will act as your first grade for the school year. In addition, your teams will complete an activity using the information from the various books.

All projects and books are due September 9th. Happy reading!

Book Choices

1. Will and Whit by Laura Lee Gulledge
2. Eggs by Jerry Spinelli
3. Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen
4. Divergent by Veronica Roth
5. Slam by Walter Dean Myers
6. Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board: Bethany Hamilton, Sheryl Berk, Rick Bundschuh

Questions: You must **answer three** of the following questions! Each answer should be at least two paragraphs long.

1. List at least five important events from the book and give a brief explanation of why each is important to the book.
2. What is the central conflict or major problem that characters/people face in the book? How is it resolved?
3. Discuss one choice that the main character made in the book. How did this choice change that character/person? How did it affect the story as a whole?
4. Choose a character or person from the book, pick a quality that describes him/her, and write one brief paragraph that includes an example of an event from the book that illustrates this quality.
5. Rate the book in terms of stars. One star would be a poor rating; five stars would mean you liked the book very much. Why did you rate the book the way you did? Provide specific examples to support your statements.

Project Choices: Select **one** of the following projects to complete based on your reading.

1. Create a **book jacket** for your story. The front should include the author's name, book title and an illustration. The back should include a brief description of the book that would get people interested in reading it (without revealing the ending).
2. Create a **trailer** for your book. This could be done on a website such as Animoto or using your phone/video camera. Remember your teacher will need to access it.
3. Create a **movie poster** for your book. This should include the book title, names of main characters, illustration, and a brief description of the book that would get people interested in reading it (without revealing the ending).
4. If you have another idea for a project, please contact Ms. Ziegler at b25czieg@mpspride.org. You will be asked to write a brief explanation of your idea. Ms. Ziegler will read the explanation and determine if it is acceptable. Once it is approved, you can begin working on your project. Be creative!